

Claims:

1. A camera installation comprising:
  - 5 a camera capable of taking a photographic image data capturing an image over a field area of a size capable of containing a plurality of human individuals;
  - 10 a user portable activation device for activating said camera device to capture a said photographic image data, said activation device carrying a unique identifier data for identifying said user; and
  - 15 a data entry device capable of receiving data identifying a user of the camera installation, the data entry device being provided in close physical proximity to said camera device.
2. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said activation device is configured to automatically activate said camera on entering said field area.
- 20 The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said activation device is passively interrogated to read said unique identifier data when in close physical proximity to said data entry device.
- 25 The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said activation device is configured to store registration data describing personal details of said user.
- 30 The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said activation device is configured to store user financial account data, which is transferable to said data entry device.
- 35 The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said activation device comprises a hand held computer entity.

7. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said data entry device comprises:

5 a keypad having a plurality of alphanumeric keys, by which a user may enter text data by activating said alphanumeric keys.

8. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said data entry device comprises:

10 a radio receiver capable of receiving digital data uniquely identifying a user.

9. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a visual display device, said visual display device displaying an operation menu, configured to prompt a user to understand operation of said camera installation.

15 10. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said camera installation is enclosed in a weather proof casing, for outdoor use.

20 11. The camera installation as claimed in claim 1, comprising a self supporting casing capable of free-standing installation.

12. A photographic service system comprising:

25 at least one camera installation for capturing photographic digital image data in response to an input signal generated by a person;

30 at least one service provider computer entity configured to receive said image data from a said camera installation, receive user registration data describing personal details of a user and receive delivery address data specifying a delivery destination for delivery of a photographic product;

said service provider computer entity configured to:  
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send said photographic image data to a destination specified by said delivery address data.

5        13.        A photographic service system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said at least one service provider computer entity is configured to:

receive user account data describing financial account data of a user;

10        send said account data to a financial institution for effecting payment of a monetary amount from said user.

14.        A method of providing photographic images to a user specified destination, said method comprising the processes of:

15        collecting electronic user registration data, describing a name and address of a user person;

20        collecting delivery destination data specifying a delivery destination of an image;

25        generating photograph image data of a field of view, in response to an input signal generated by an individual person; and

delivering a said image to a destination specified by said delivery destination data.

25        15.        The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the processes of:  
collecting electronic account data describing a financial account of said user person;  
and

30        using said electronic account data and electronic user registration data to collect payment for said processes of generating and delivering said image.

16. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said process of delivering said image comprises:

5 delivering an electronic image data file to a specified electronic said delivery destination.

17. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said process of delivering said image comprises:

10 transmitting said photographic image data between first and second computer entities as electronic data;

15 at said second computer entity, converting said photographic image data into a physical photographic print;

physically delivering said physical photographic print to a physical said delivery destination.

18. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of:

20 sending said electronic account data describing an account details of a said user, to a third party computer entity; and

25 collecting a payment from said third party computer entity.

19. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said photograph image data is generated in response to an input signal received in close physical proximity to a site of capture of said photograph image data.

30 20. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said steps of collecting electronic user registration data, collecting electronic account data, and collecting delivery destination data comprises:

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transmitting said electronic user registration data, electronic account data and delivery destination data from a hand held computer entity device held by said user, to a camera installation comprising a camera which generates said photograph image data.

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21. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein a photographic image comprises a sequence of video images.

22. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the processes of:

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collecting personalised message data from said user; and

delivering a message contained in said message data, to said delivery destination, together with said image.

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23. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the process of:

displaying a photographic image data on a web site.

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24. The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

displaying a photographic image data on a web site; and

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downloading a said photographic image from said web site to a remote computer entity.

25. A method of providing photographic images to a user specified destination, said method comprising the processes of:

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collecting electronic user registration data, describing a name and address of a user person;

collecting delivery destination data specifying a delivery destination of an image;

generating photograph image data of a field of view, in response to an input signal generated by an individual person wherein said photograph image data is generated in 5 response to an input signal received in close physical proximity to a site of capture of a said photograph image date;

collecting electronic account data describing a financial account of said user person;

10 using said electronic account data and electronic user registration data to collect payment;

collecting personalized message data; and

15 delivering a said image, and a said message containing said message data to said delivery destination.

26. A photographic service system comprising:

20 at least one camera installation for capturing photographic digital image data in response to an input signal;

25 at least one service provider computer entity configured to electronically receive said image data from a said camera installation, receive user registration data describing personal details of a user and receive delivery address data specifying a delivery destination for delivery of a photographic product;

said service provider computer entity configured to:

30 send said photographic image data to a destination specified by said delivery address data;

receive user account data describing financial account data of a user;

said camera installation comprising:

5        a camera capable of taking photographic image data capturing an image over a field area of a size capable of containing a plurality of human individuals;

10      a user portable activation device for activating said camera device to capture a said photographic image data, said activation device carrying a unique identifier data for identifying said user; and

15      a data entry device capable of receiving data identifying a user of the camera installation, the data entry device being provided in close physical proximity to said camera device.

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